



2008 Arbor Day Grant Program

Arbor Day Grants are funded by contributions to the Idaho Community Forestry Trust Account of the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL). Grants are intended to encourage communities to celebrate Arbor Day and recognize the benefits of trees and the importance of their care. In 2008, \$300 grants were awarded to buy trees/shrubs and related planting or care materials from the INLA member nurseries. Communities apply in February & March of each year. An Arbor Day Proclamation signed by the Mayor is required as part of that application.

639 Arbor Day Grants have been awarded to 150 different communities in the past 11 years. Prior to this year, grants to support Arbor Day events were \$150 each. Since 2003, Idaho Power, Rocky Mountain Power (formerly Utah Power), and Avista sponsored the program. The Idaho Nursery and Landscape Association also contributed in 2005 and are now administering this program for IDL. US Bank contributed from 1998-2001.

Additional Funding for Arbor Day Celebrations

IDL's Community Forestry Program makes additional funds available to the IDL area offices. The funds are drawn from the Idaho Timber Special License Plates program. Each district is authorized to spend \$200 toward Arbor Day Celebrations in their area. Private Forestry Specialists are encouraged to support a city that did not receive an Arbor Day Grant directly. Funds can be used for the purchase of trees or anything else related to the Arbor Day event of a community.

This is an opportunity for Private Forestry Specialists to get involved with Arbor Day Celebrations in their area and encourage responsible urban community forestry practices.

IDL AREA OFFICES

Help Fund Arbor Day Celebrations In Their Area

2000 ~ 9 of 12 area offices provided \$1,461.80

2001 ~ 8 of 12 area offices provided \$1,485.64

2002 ~ 7 of 13 offices provided \$1,146.10

2003 ~ 7 of 13 offices provided \$1,838.34

2004 ~ 6 of 14 offices provided \$970.11

Arbor Day Grants Awarded

1998

30 of 48 applications funded

1999

40 of 54 applications funded

2000

All 55 applications funded

2001

All 67 applications funded

2002

50 of 80 applications funded

2003

55 of 76 applications funded

2004

75 of 85 applications funded

2005

80 of 84 applications funded

2006

80 of 86 applications funded

2007

All 72 applications funded

2008

35 of 73 applications funded

2005 ~ 9 of 14 offices provided \$ 1,570.20

2006 ~ 9 of 14 offices provided \$ 1,678.76

2007 ~ 10 of 14 offices provided \$ 1,925.26

2008 ~ 11 of 14 offices provided \$2,093.12